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Service Condition of Textile Workers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any fresh initiatives to improve service conditions of workers in textile sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing a number of policy initiatives and schemes for the welfare and improvement of service condition of workers in the textile industry.

Various development schemes have been launched by the Government to address the problems faced by workers, weavers/ artisans and also to ensure the development & welfare of powerloom, handloom and handicraft sectors. These include Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFs), Schemes for Powerloom Sector Development, Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS), National handicraft Development Programme (NHDP), National Handloom Development Programme, Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Yarn supply Scheme, Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Group workshed Scheme etc.

Further Government is also implementing social welfare schemes for weavers/ workers, such as Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for Handloom weavers, the Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom workers, the Aam Admi Bima Yojana for handicrafts artisans, Jute workers sanitation scheme, scholarship for children of jute workers etc. For rehabilitation of Textile workers rendered un-employed due to permanent closure of a textile mills in the private non- SSI Sector, the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been introduced with effect from 15-9-1986. Relief under the scheme is provided for three years @ 75% wages in the first year, 50% wages in the second year and 25% wages in the third year. The schemes are reviewed / improved from time to time.
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